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BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Yoshinori MUZUMURA  
METHOD OF USING A LUBRICATING MEMBER FOR FOOD-PROCESSING  
EQUIPMENT  
Our Ref. Q63733

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including nine (9) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and one (1) sheet of drawings, Information Disclosure Statement, and PTO Form 1449 with references. **The requisite U.S. Government Filing Fee, executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	7 - 20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	1 - 3	=		x	\$80.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee							\$710.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>							<b>\$710.00</b>

Priority is claimed from March 24, 2000 based on JP Application No. 2000-085209. The priority document will be filed at a later date.

**Since the anniversary of the priority date fell on a Saturday, the filing of this application on Monday, March 26, 2001, is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.**

Respectfully submitted,  
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